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"Recalculating?"

Coming standard in the late model cars is a system called GPS. The GPS (Global Positioning System) is a satellite-based navigation system made up of a network of 24 satellites placed into orbit by the U.S. Department of Defense. This system was originally intended for military applications, but in the 1980s, the government made the system available for civilian use. How it works is the GPS satellites circle the earth twice a day in a very precise orbit and transmits signal

information to earth. A GPS receiver can take this information and use it to calculate the user's exact location.

When a person has a GPS system, it can verbally instruct, direct and calculate driving to eliminate errors in reaching your destination. But we are human, and occasionally we miss a turn or pass our point, so the GPS system has the capability of correcting our errors. The GPS says "recalculating" after you miss a turn it told you to take, then it comes up with a new alternate route based on your current position. It doesn't call you a dummy or stupid; in front of all passengers in the car, it simply says "recalculating," which lets you know that you missed it.

Listen, because the choice to alter my course is up to me, it becomes my decision whether to receive and take heed to the direction or not. In my BMW, my GPS will make several attempts to correct me, but if I insist on going my own way, it will just stop talking and let me continue on my way.

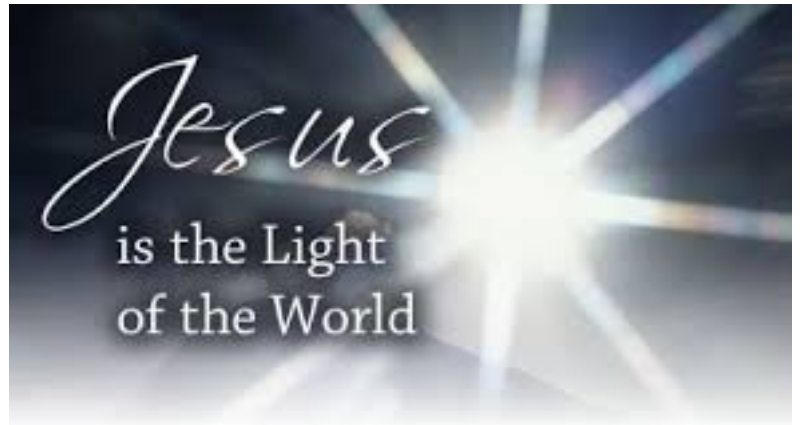
Often times God allows us to cross paths with people that we may not know, but they come in our lives for a season. And sometimes because we may not recognize the reason why they are there, we have the tendency to push them away and make the statement that we don't need help. When it comes to ministry, you need to recognize that you are not knowledgeable in every area or subject. But these people are like the GPS (Global Positioning System) to help you recalculate your teaching, preaching, ministering and even your living.

In the popular comic strip "Peanuts," Lucy asks Charlie Brown, "Why are we here on earth?" He replies, "To make others happy." She ponders this for a moment and then asks, "Then why are the others here?"

1Listen, the Spirit-filled Christian is not competing with other Christians, but we are engaging them to be better. As the church we are a community of believers. We are referred to as the body of Christ or the family of God. We learn that if the church as a whole is going to thrive, then we must work together to make her thrive. We cannot do our own thing; we cannot go in different directions. Our message must be the same message. And when or if we get off course, our spirit must be open for correction.

Listen, if truth comes to you, there's nothing wrong with "recalculating." After you miss your spiritual turn you are told to take a new alternate route based on your current position. But make sure it's the truth!

Pastor Robert and Lady Bessie Herring, Sr.



Prayer and Supplication for our Pastor

Father God in the precious name of Jesus, we come again lifting this petition on behalf of our beloved Pastor.

First and foremost, we thank You for taking care and delivering him thus far on this journey. We pray that You will continue to keep him under Your wings, as he continuously trusts You. Father, let Your truth forever be his shield and buckler.

God, we pray that with Your help, he'll always be able to turn negative circumstances into positive experiences, never allowing the challenges in his life to become stressors. But if there be any, let every stressor motivate him to focus completely on You, the only One who is yet able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all he will ever be able to think or ask, according to the power that works in him through You.

Oh God, as we continue, it is our prayer that in the years to come that pastor will never be overcome by the spirit of fear, but of love, power, and a sound mind. Keep him as a guide for Your people and as example to believers everywhere, in thought, word, actions, love, spirit, faith and conversation.

Now Father, as we close this prayer, we pray for his family. We ask that whenever they find themselves in the valley of their lives, that You would calm their fear, and direct them to living water as You endow them with Your peace.

We close this petition in the name of Jesus and count it already done. Thank God, and Amen.

P. Cross



August Is National Immunization Awareness Month

Each year in August, National Immunization Awareness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across our lifespan.

Activities focus on encouraging all people to protect their health by being immunized against infectious diseases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), all adults, especially those 65 and older, should get the following vaccines:

- Influenza (flu) vaccine: Each year to protect against the seasonal flu.
- Td or Tdap: Every adult should get the Tdap vaccine once if they did not receive it as an adolescent to protect against pertussis (whooping cough), and then a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster shot every 10 years.

Why Older Adults Should Still Get Vaccines

Vaccines are an important step in protecting adults against several serious, and sometimes deadly, diseases. The need for vaccination does not end in childhood. Vaccines are recommended throughout our lives based on age, lifestyle, occupation, locations of travel, medical conditions and previous vaccines.

These recommendations are updated each year based on the latest research regarding safety and effectiveness.

Unfortunately, far too few adults are receiving the recommended vaccines, leaving themselves and their loved ones vulnerable to serious diseases. In 2012, for example, only 20% of adults 60 and older had received the zoster (shingles) vaccination.

Adults should talk with their doctors to learn which vaccines are recommended for them and take steps to stay up to date. Vaccines are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored even after they are licensed to ensure that they are very safe.

Children, Preteens & Teens

Preparing for school means gathering supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure children are up to date on their vaccines. Getting all of the recommended vaccines is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children's health.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their classroom and community – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated, and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions. Schools are highly susceptible to outbreaks of infectious diseases because students can easily transmit illnesses to one another as a result of poor hand washing, uncovered coughs and dense populations.

Children age 4 to 6 are due for boosters of four vaccines: DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis), chickenpox, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) and polio. Starting at 11 or 12 –preteens and teens – need Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), MenACWY (meningococcal conjugate vaccine) and HPV (human papilloma virus) vaccines.

A yearly flu vaccine is recommended for all children 6 months and older.

www.nphic.org/niam-toolkit

C. Hart



NEIGHBORHOOD HEROS

MISS ANN'S STORE

Her name was Mrs. Annie Lee Stewart Williams, but we always addressed her as Miss Ann. According to Bro. Freddie Kelly, Mrs. Annie and her husband, Mr. Stewart, purchased the unfinished 2-story building on Helena Street from Mr. Gordon Williams in 1950. They completed the construction, establishing Stewart's Confectionary on the first floor with living quarters above the store. Almost everyone just called it "Miss Ann's store." Located just a stone's throw from Mt. Bethel, it was convenient for all the children to sneak to Miss Ann's between Sunday School and Morning Worship to squander a little of their church money for a special snack like pickles, cookies or a soda.

Sis. Linda Simmons Andrews, guest contributor

Ms. Ann's store was in a prime location because most of us had to pass it in order to get to work or to ride the bus downtown. Our school buses came down Droad Street and kids often stopped in for treats. For the community her store was a mecca of things good.... and sometimes not so good. It was a place to get snacks..... huge dill pickles, honey drippers, ice cream cones individually packaged, Heath and toffee bars, ice cream sandwiches, potato chips and those delicious Lance cookies... two for a penny butter cookies and the ones that had an almond flavor and a picture of a wind mill baked into the mold of the cookies, oatmeal cookies, too. Yum. A ten cent paper bag of cookies went a long way!!!! Lots of people would stop and buy a bag of salted peanuts and a Nehi orange or strawberry soda and put the peanuts in the bottle. That way you could drink and chew for a while.



I think she sold beer and cigarettes, too...but not to us kids. People stopped by and picked up food items like corn meal, Alaga syrup, small bags of flour, yeast, etc, and sometimes even bacon, bologna and spiced ham. She cut it to order! Bread and mayonnaise were staples, too. Miss Ann let my Mom and the community buy food on credit until payday. She wrote everything down and gave us a receipt for what we charged, long before there were Master cards! She was the neighborhood grocer, bank...I think some people played numbers there, too. She sold newspapers and it was the gathering place on Fridays when people got paid. Day laborers gathered there before and after work. They stopped and picked up a beer or two and just cooled off. I don't know if she cashed checks, but I would not put that past her. When the couple built the red brick house next door, they moved there. However, that cut off our short cut to the store because they put up a fence, too. We had been able to walk behind Mrs. Ida Mae Williams' home to go through the pathway to the store.

(Miss Ann's store was a viable landmark of the neighborhood, serving several generations of community families. Miss Ann became ill after her husband, Mr. Alonzo Williams, passed, and she was taken back to her native Georgia to be cared for by her nephew and his wife. She passed away May 17, 2008, at the age of 88, and her body was returned to Jacksonville where her funeral was held at her church, Simpson Memorial United Methodist, and burial followed in Restlawn Cemetery. Thanks to all the responders, Sis. Andrews, Bro. Kelly, Dea. and Sis. Cherry, Sis. Thomas, Sis. Young, Sis. Taylor, and others.)

Ma Bellamy



Beginning in this August 2016 edition of the Standard, we will include response letters from readers who may comment or elaborate on a particular article. We welcome your input.

May 14, 2016 - Linda Andrews
Subject: The Woman Beside the Man:
Mrs. Claudine Williams, May Edition

Did you know that Mrs. Claudine Williams was my Godmother? She is the only person my Mom ever let me spend the night with, too. She taught me how to set a table. One time, after she had prepared breakfast and we were sitting down to eat, she noticed that I did not touch my eggs. I told her that my Dad ate those kind of soggy eggs, but I didn't. "They are called over lite eggs. And if you did not like them, you should have told me and I would have cooked them harder." Well I did not know to tell people how one likes his eggs. She told me that if I had been in a restaurant and gotten runny eggs, I could send them back. One lesson learned.

My Mom owned some of the scarves that Mrs. Claudine crocheted and they looked like clown suit collars. She used to starch them and make them stand up like clown ruffles. She taught me how to do a chain stitch, but I never mastered crocheting. Now sewing was another option.

When my sister, Eleanor Faye Simmons, was crowned Miss Northwestern Jr. Sr. High School in 1963, our lights were off. Mrs. James B. Kinchen took Faye's flowers and put them in her refrigerator. Jackie Kennedy Onassis had worn a pill box hat and Faye wore one in the school's homecoming parade. She also had to wear a white wool suit. Mrs. Claudine bought the fabric for her suit and my Mom made it. Several years later my younger sister, Karen Gale Simmons, was a debutante...the only one of the girls to be one. Mrs. Martha Cullins, a teacher at Raines High School, paid the fee for Gale to participate in the festivities. Mrs. Cullins also paid the entrance fee for my brother, Curtis, to be in the science fair and he won first place. His science project was on The Digestive System. Mrs. Claudine purchased the white satin fabric for Gale's gown and my Mom made it. She was always doing something nice for us. So did Mrs. Ida Mae Williams, our next door neighbor. The church and community were there for us. That is why Milt and I pay it forward..because someone reached back and pulled us along the way.

June 18, 2016 - Frederick Harper

Thanks very much for the Father's Day wish--it's much appreciated. Blessings to all in the Church and of my old neighborhood.

POSITIVE MESSAGE

You Must First Love Yourself!

Many times in life we attempt to find love in the arms of someone else. We find ourselves looking for love in all the wrong places. When you look at yourself in the mirror do you love what you see? Are you ashamed of your appearance? You do realize you cannot run from yourself? You see you more than we see you. **(Mark 12:31 - And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these).** The Word of God requires for us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The question is do you love yourself? If you do not love who you are how can you truly love someone else? You Must First Love Yourself! When you start loving yourself you grow to a point where the approval of others no longer matters to you. You begin to love others because you love yourself. **(John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life).**



D Bell

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." [Matthew 5:14-15](#)

Jesus is also the great light of the world ([John 8:12](#)). Those who believe in Him are brought out of darkness into His light ([Colossians 1:12-13](#)) and in turn become lights also. In essence, they live the Beatitudes. What does light do?

A. It exposes dirt - If Christians live holy and righteous lives, it will show up the unrighteous deeds of others ([Ephesians 5:8-14](#)). An example is that people who take bribes feel very vulnerable if there are others that don't. Christians who work in government offices can, by their uprightness and integrity, diminish the amount of corruption just by their very presence and principles.

B. It lights up the way so that we do not stumble - If Christians walk by the principles of the Word of God, their lives take on a higher purpose and direction than that of self. This will not fail to attract the attention of a watching world. The world then is faced with a choice—to accept or reject such a model. To those who reject, that light becomes darkness. But for those who accept, that light illumines their lives and they will not make wrong choices.

C. It discourages works of darkness - More crimes are committed at night than in the daytime.

D. It dispels fear - When light shines, the phantoms of the night just fade away. People who are afraid of the dark prefer to sleep with the light on.

Light even enables discernment to be made—between friend and foe and between truth and counterfeit. It enables work to be done. Light enables plants to grow. Used in modern technology, it aids in telecommunications (fiber optics), helps to heal (lasers), and aids in publishing books.

The light of the gospel also blesses in so many ways. And Christians who walk in it can in turn help others by sharing the knowledge they have concerning life, death, sin, salvation, God, the devil, heaven and hell. For these are the issues that plague man on a wide scale and for which they are striving to find adequate answers. The light will be recognized, not just in words, but in "good deeds" which lead others to praise our Father in heaven.

In Kumasi, Ghana, African Enterprise has been organizing city-cleaning teams. Before an evangelistic campaign, Christians often ask government leaders if they can clean it up. Then they send out teams of people with makeshift straw brooms and pails of soapy water to scrub the city. Christian workers have cleaned hospitals, city parks, and government grounds before major outreaches to exemplify practical love.

RESPONSE: Today I am determined to shine for Jesus—the true light of the world!

PRAYER: Lord, I want my life to count for You and Your kingdom. Help me be a lighthouse for You.

Shared by Elder Sarah Webb-Rhodes Bible Gateway: Open Doors July 2015

Home Remedies

1) Honey, Please Pass the Pollen - Bee pollen and locally made honey have long been touted as allergy preventives. By eating them before allergy season hits, you ingest minute amounts of the plants, grasses and trees that maybe the cause of your allergies. This stimulates your immune system and may increase your resistance to pollen, thereby lessening the severity of your allergies when the season is in full swing. A typical dose is 1 teaspoon of honey per day. **CAUTION:** Never give honey to children under 1 year of age.

2) A NUTTY SIPPER - 1/4 Tsp. of ground Nutmeg, 1/4 Tsp. of Lemon Juice & 1 cup of Water. If you've got a bad case of constipation or hemorrhoids (which can be just as bad, if not worse), don't just sit there and take it. Go absolutely nuts with it instead. Not with the discomfort, but with nutmeg, a time-honored Ayurvedic remedy for curbing constipation and healing hemorrhoids.

MIXTURE: - Add the nutmeg to a glass of warm water that has the lemon juice already mixed in. Lemon water is an astringent that will help tone blood vessels. Drink it twice daily to help your lower half heal and flow more freely.

D Gosine



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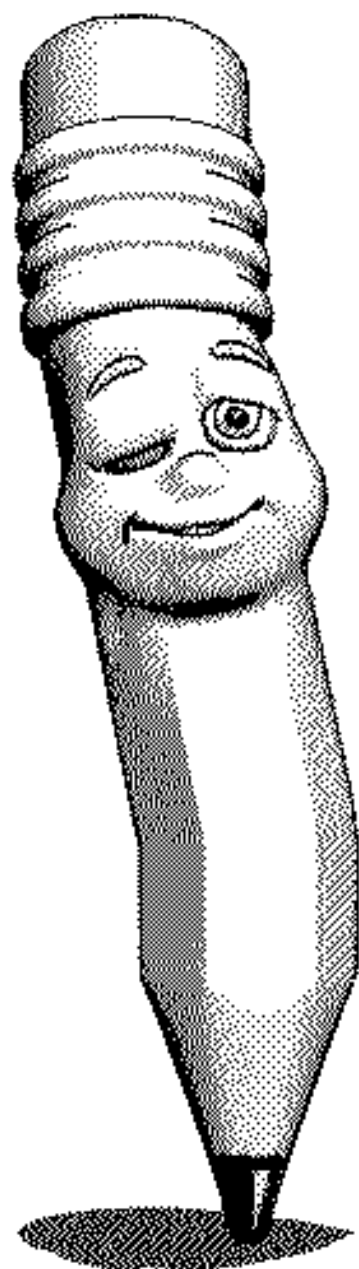
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A UNIVERSAL LOVE

God's love is universal, it has no boundaries;
It encircles the globe, girds all countries.
God's love is unmerited, no man is deserving;
but His mercy for all He's always reserving.
God's love is unchanging, He has always loved us;
He wants all of mankind to give Him their trust.
God's love is eternal, everlasting it is.
His heart's true desire is to make everyone His.
God's love is waiting for man to embrace
The love of His Son and the gift of His grace!

[John 3:16](#)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life."

Shared by M Taylor

Repent

The words I write, I do believe, and it is my prayer that you will receive.
The message I have to say and tell, is the difference between
Heaven and Hell!
Now for some, this may seem stern, but God wants me to share
with you my concern.
So heed my words and listen to my advice, so you don't pay
with eternity's price.
Repent right now of your sin, and in your heart invite Jesus in.
Get on your knees, ask God to forgive, then in your soul
His spirit will live!
Lift up your hands, give praise to our Lord, then walk in His ways
and sin no more!

Shared by M Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENT

Let's Get Ready To Vote!

If you are 18 years and older use your rights, **VOTE** .

Upcoming Elections

August 1st is the deadline for New Registration and Party Changes.

Federal /State Position - Early Voting - August 8th- 15th

Election Day August 30th

Presidential/ Federal /State Position - Early Voting – October 10th -24th

Election Day November 8th

October 11th is the deadline for New Registration and Party Changes.

If you need a form go to: www.duval elections.com/Voter-Information/Register-to-Vote...

Or Visit [Duval County Supervisor of Elections](#) office

Florida is a closed primary state. Only voters who are registered members of political parties may vote for respective party candidates for an office in a primary election.



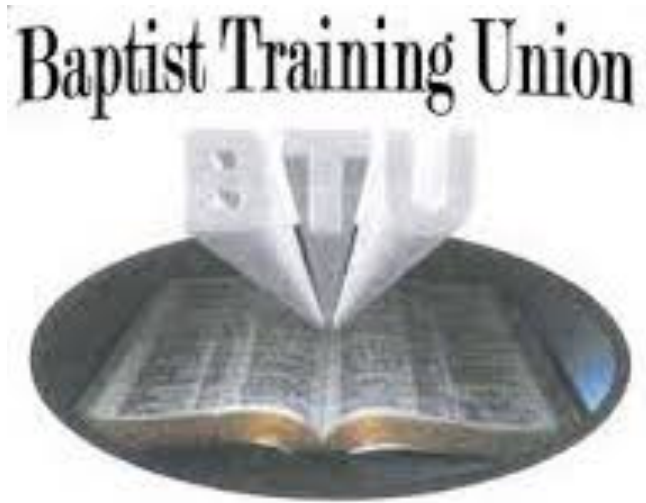
'Church Humor'

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Shared by J&P

BTU Schedule for 2016

August 14	2nd Sunday	5pm
September 12	Monday	6:30pm
September 25	4th Sunday	5pm
October 9	2nd Sunday	5pm (How To Plan a Christian Budget - Bro. Terrance Wright)
October 17	Monday	6:30pm (Simple Election Procedures, Appointing BTU Nominating Committee – Dea. Scott, Dea. Holsey)
November	No Meeting	
December 12	Monday	6:30pm (Election of Officers, End of Year Fellowship)



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS

August 2016

TOWARD A NEW CREATION

UNIT III: Life On God's Terms

**August 7th Safe In God's Love
Romans 8:28-39**

**August 14th Dependent On God's Mercy
Romans 9:6-18**

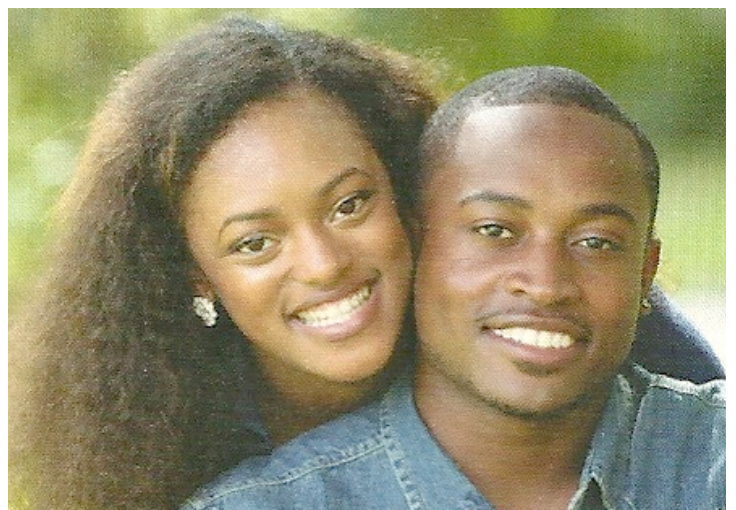
**August 21st Grafted Into The Promise
Romans 11:11-24**

**August 28th Love Fulfills The Law
Romans 12:1-2**



WEDDING BELLS

Donovan and Tralonda Masline
Married on July 16, 2016





Tralonda is the daughter of Joyce Holland and Scottie Todd, Sr., and Donovan is the son of David and Sharon Masline.

MT. BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

August 2016

Emphasis: The Force of Faith-Past, Present and Future

Mark 11:22, Romans 4:13-16, Corinthians 4:13

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